Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, More than 100 people in South Dakota are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer every year, affecting men and women nearly equally in our state; and,

Whereas, There is no known screening for pancreatic cancer and no specific prevention; and,

Whereas, The pancreatic cancer rarely shows symptoms early and only non-specific symptoms after spreading, with 75 percent of cases in South Dakota diagnosed at the late stage; and,

Whereas, Pancreatic cancer spreads rapidly, with the 5-year survival rate for South Dakotans diagnosed with pancreatic cancer just 8 percent; and,

Whereas, More than 100 South Dakotans will die from pancreatic cancer this year, adding to the 1,375 South Dakotans who have died from the disease since 2001; and,

Whereas, More than 53,600 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States this year, and more than 43,000 Americans will die from the deadly disease; and,

Whereas, Pancreatic cancer is now the third leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States; and,

Whereas, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in South Dakota support patients battling pancreatic cancer and the friends and families of those who have lost their lives to the disease; and,

Whereas, The good health and well-being of the residents of South Dakota are enhanced by increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 2017 as

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State